Riverside, California, February 15/22

Dear Doctor Munz: I think you may expect to find that the desert has not been hurt much by the frosts if the word of a friend who just came from there is true. He says the coldest weather did not seem to freeze many of the plants and the the only effect was a retardation of growth. We can all feel happy over this.

I am going to send you some Selaginellas from the Riverside district soon. I gathered a few Sunday and will get more this week end. I wonder if it would be asking you to much to request that you give me a list of our local Selaginellas together with the best field marks for each. Perhaps you have already made out such a list for your paper on the Pteridophytes? If so you can set David busy at making a copy for me.

I was chagrined to find out that I did not recognize the Eriophyllum confertiflorum by its foliage on Sunday last when I saw it. I am used to seeing it growing much less rank and I think this is what fooled me. I gathered a lot of it this summer on the desert slope of San Jacinto and there it was not more than a span high, including the inflorescence. I will not again forget the Ericameria. It is plentiful enough about on our hills here I find. I wonder if David asked you what the little gray liverwort was that grows so plentifully on the soil in this district. We found quantities of it on our walk Sunday. The thallus is rather diminutive and narrow and seemingly covered with little fine whitish hairs. I saw no archegonial branches on it.

I found on returning here that we have a Pinus halepensis growing on the

High School campus..

I am now planning to build a little retreat for myself up on the Box Spring Mountains. This will give me a place to go annd rest and write, and the distance is not more than three miles from town. I will make it mostly of stone. There are four acres in the rocky hill I hope to ##### come into possession of soon. It will give me a fine view of the whole valley and the more distant mountains too. I can never be happy living in real houses. I must have a little rustic turn of architecture and the smell of the sage and artemesia in the air that comes through the window. And wont it be fun doing the mason work?.

I have been cleaning up and assembling bird skeletons all day. I dont want to see any more boiled owls for a long time.

I may be down any day again. I am looking forward with much eagerness to the visit with Dr Brackett.

Yours very sincerely,

Edmund Jaeger